

1. A clothes freshening device comprising:  
an enclosure for holding an associated garment to be freshened;  
a steam generator in communication with the enclosure; and  
a chemical mist generator in communication with the enclosure.
2. The device of claim 1, further comprising a fan mounted in the enclosure.
3. The device of claim 1, further comprising a support mounted in the enclosure for holding the associated garment.
4. The device of claim 3, further comprising a spacer mounted on said support for spacing two associated garments mounted on said support away from each other.
5. The device of claim 1, wherein the enclosure includes a first inlet connected to the steam generator and a second inlet connected to the chemical mist generator.
6. The device of claim 1, wherein the chemical mist generator is adapted to deliver a chemical mist to the enclosure below a boiling point of the chemical mist.
7. The device of claim 1, wherein the chemical mist generator includes an ultrasonic mister.
8. The device of claim 1, wherein the chemical mist generator includes a vibrating metal diaphragm.
9. The device of claim 1, wherein the chemical mist generator is in communication with a chemical reservoir for holding an associated chemical,

the device further comprising a refill indicator disposed in the chemical reservoir.

10. The device of claim 9, wherein the refill indicator includes a float and switch.

11. The device of claim 1, further comprising a temperature sensor disposed in the enclosure.

12. The device of claim 1, further comprising a humidity sensor disposed in the enclosure.

13. The device of claim 1, further comprising a base located adjacent the enclosure, the base containing the steam generator and the chemical mist generator.

14. The device of claim 13, further comprising a water reservoir and a chemical reservoir disposed in the base, wherein the water reservoir is in communication with the steam generator and the chemical reservoir is in communication with the chemical mist generator.

15. The device of claim 13, wherein the enclosure is mounted on the base and includes a top and a collapsible portion.

16. The device of claim 15, wherein the base and the top of the enclosure cooperate to contain the collapsible portion of the enclosure.

17. The device of claim 16, further comprising a latch mounted to one of the base and the top and a catch mounted to another of the base and the top, wherein the latch cooperates with the catch.

18. A clothes freshening assembly comprising:  
an enclosure for holding an associated garment to be freshened, the enclosure comprising:

a first fluid inlet,  
a second fluid inlet spaced from the first fluid inlet,  
an opening to allow the associated garment to be placed within  
and removed from the enclosure, and  
a closure member for selectively closing the opening of the  
enclosure;  
a steam generator communicating with the enclosure via the first fluid  
inlet; and  
a chemical mist generator communicating with the enclosure via the  
second fluid inlet.

19. The assembly of claim 18, further comprising a fan mounted in the enclosure.

20. The assembly of claim 18, further comprising a support mounted in the enclosure for holding the associated garment.

21. The assembly of claim 18, further comprising a temperature sensor disposed in the enclosure.

22. The assembly of claim 21, further comprising a humidity sensor disposed in the enclosure.

23. The assembly of claim 22, further comprising a control for selectively actuating the steam generator and the chemical mist generator as regulated by the temperature sensor and the humidity sensor.

24. The assembly of claim 18, further comprising a base in which the steam generator and the chemical mist generator are located.

25. The assembly of claim 24, further comprising a support for mounting the enclosure to the base.

26. The assembly of claim 25, wherein the enclosure comprises a lid and a

body of flexible material secured to the lid.

27. The assembly of claim 26, wherein the lid cooperates with the base to contain the flexible material of the enclosure.

28. The assembly of claim 27, further comprising a latch mounted to one of the base and the lid and a catch mounted to another of the base and the lid, wherein the latch cooperates with the catch.

29. A method of freshening a garment comprising:

placing a garment inside an enclosure of a clothes freshening device, wherein the clothes freshening device includes the enclosure, a steam generator in communication with the enclosure, and a chemical mist generator in communication with the enclosure;

introducing steam inside the enclosure; and

introducing a chemical mist inside the enclosure.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein the step of introducing steam is performed at a separate time from the step of introducing a chemical mist.

31. The method of claim 29, wherein the step of introducing steam is performed simultaneously with the step of introducing a chemical mist.

32. The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of circulating an atmosphere in the enclosure.

33. The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of controlling the introduction of the steam and the chemical mist.

34. The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of sensing a humidity in the enclosure.

35. The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of sensing a temperature in the enclosure.

36. The method of claim 29, further comprising exerting a force on the garment to release a wrinkle in the garment.
37. A clothes freshening apparatus comprising:
- an enclosure for holding an associated garment, the enclosure having first and second ends and including a lid portion adjacent the first end, a flexible portion, and a selectively closeable opening through which the associated garment can be placed in the enclosure;
  - a base attached to the second end of the enclosure, wherein the lid portion selectively attaches to the base; and
  - a mist generator disposed in the base and in communication with the enclosure.
38. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the lid portion and the base each include complementary edges.
39. The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the lid portion includes a latch that selectively engages a catch disposed on the base.
40. The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the lid portion and the base cooperate to store the flexible portion.
41. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the mist generator comprises a steam generator.
42. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the mist generator is adapted to deliver a chemical mist to the enclosure at a temperature below a boiling point of the chemical mist.
43. The apparatus of claim 42, further comprising a steam generator in communication with the enclosure.
44. The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising a wrinkle release device having a first end attached to the base and a second end selectively

attachable to the associated garment.